

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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NON NATO STATUS TO PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the USA has recently accorded non NATO ally status to Pakistan;
- (b) If so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto; and
- (c) the likely effect on Indo-U.S. ties due to the conferment of this status to Pakistan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) Yes. The U.S. President designated Pakistan as a Major Non-NATO Ally of the United States on 16th June 2004. Earlier, on 18th March 2004, the U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell had announced the intention of the U.S. Government to designate Pakistan as a Major Non-NATO Ally.

(b)&(c) The Government has expressed its disappointment at the announcement which has significant implications for Indo-US relations. It remains in active contact with the United States.